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GUARANTEES RACIAL EQUALITY -- Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao, 4 Jul 50

Peiping, 3 July (Hsin-hua) -- In a speech given before the meeting of the Committee of the Affairs of Nationalities of the Central People's government convened on 26 June 1950, Director Li Wei-han stressed that the racial policy outlined in the Common Program must be put into effect as soon as possible to insure racial equality to the minority nationalities. He pointed out that as 9 result of the amazing progress made in the reform movement during recent years, the importance of establishing friendly relationships with the various minority groups within the country is becoming even greater. He emphasized that the following measures must be instituted as soon as possible:

- 1. Carry out an education and propaganda program to assure the minority nationalities that they will be given racial equality, thereby overcoming their passiveness toward the new regime.
- 2. Grant local self-government to the minority nationalities in areas inhabited mainly by them, in accordance with the principle set forth in the Common Program.
- 3. Train a large number of minority cadres to help administer their local governments.
- 4. Establish colleges for the minority nationalities in Peiping, and in the Northwest and Southwest to develop minority leaders.

With regard to the extent of the reforms to be instituted among the minority nationalities, Li said that they must be carried out in accordance with popular will and any reforms which are not desired by the majority must not be enforced. He further emphasized that their religious beliefs must be safeguarded and respected by the government authorities.

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REPORTS IMPLEMENTATION OF RACIAL POLICY IN KANSU -- Shanghai Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 27 Jul 50

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Sian, 21 July (Hsin-hua) --- As a first step in the implementation of the recent decision adopted by the Central People's government to enforce the racial policy outlined in the Common Program, the Huang-ni-wan village authorities of Lin-heia Hsien, Kansu, set up a council to study and to settle the existing frictions between the various nationalities, especially between the Mohammedans and the Chinese whose relationships had worsened since the liberation.

The council first granted hearings to the various minorities to voice their grievances and later took steps to correct them. It later promulgated the racial policy of the Common Program to assure the people that the principle of racial equality will be strictly adhered to. These actions have helped greatly in clearing up many misunderstandings.

To pave the way for the establishment of a closer cooperation between the various racial groups in production activities, the council set up a Committee for the Unity of Nationalities, charged with the responsibilities of settling any differences, disputes, etc., between the various groups. This committee contributed greatly in solving the frictions between the Chinese and the Mohammedans.

As a result, harmony between the various racial groups in the village has now been firmly established. Joint cooperatives, organizations, etc., are now being organized to further improve the relationships between the various groups.

YUNNAN'S A-HSI-P'U TRIRESMEN PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE -- Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao, 23 Jul 50

Under the reactionary KMT regime, the A-hsi-p'u tribesmen of the I tribal group were forced to move from one place to another to escape KMT oppressions. They finally sought refuge in the mountainous area west of Mi-lo Hsien in Yunnan. Because of the terrain, however, they faced great difficulties in maintaining their livelihood.

Immediately following the liberation, the entire group pledged allegiance to the CCP regime and has been actively engaged in aiding the local Communist authorities in suppressing KMT bandit activities.

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